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To WINCE. *v. n.* [*guings*, Welsh.] To kick as impatient of a rider, or of pain.

I will sit as quiet as a lamb,
I will not stir, nor wince, nor speak a word.
Room, room, for my horse will wince,
If he came within so many yards of a prince.
The angry beast did straight resent
The wrong done to his fundament,
Began to kick, and fling, and wince,
As if he had been beside his sense.

WINCH. *n. f.* [*guincher*, French, to twist.] A windlace; something held in the hand by which a wheel or cylinder is turned.

Put a winch with the wheel.
To WINCH. *v. a.* [The same with *wince*, or perhaps from *guincher*, French, to twist; *winch* signifying sometimes to writhe or contort the body.] To kick with impatience; to shrink from any uneasiness.

We who have free souls,
It touches not, let the gall'd jade wince;
Our withers are unwrung.
Have these bones rattled, and this head
So often in thy quarrel bled!
Nor did I ever wince or grudge it.
This last allusion gall'd the panther more;
Yet seem'd he not to wince, tho' shrewdly pain'd.
Their consciences are gall'd, and this makes them wince
and fling, as if they had some mettle.

WINDPIPE. *n. f.*
There is a small red flower in the stubble-fields, which country people call the *windpipe*; which if it open in the morning, you may be sure, a fair day will follow.

WIND. *n. f.* [*pinb*, Saxon; *wind*, Dutch; *gwynt*, Welsh.]
1. Wind is when any tract of air moves from the place it is in, to any other, with an impetus that is sensible to us, wherefore it was not ill called by the antients, a swifter course of air; a flowing wave of air; a flux, effusion, or stream of air.

The worthy fellow is our general. He's the rock, the oak not to be wind-shaken.

Love's heralds should be thoughts,
Which ten times faster glides than the sun beams,
Driving back shadows over lowering hills.
Therefore do nimble-pinion'd doves draw love;
And therefore hath the wind-swift Cupid wings.
Falmouth lieth farther out in the trade way, and so offereth a sooner opportunity to wind-driven ships than Plymouth.
Wind is nothing but a violent motion of the air, produced by its rarefaction, more in one place than another, by the sun-beams, the attractions of the moon, and the combinations of the earth's motions.

2. Direction of the blast from a particular point. As eastward; westward.

I'll give thee a wind.
I myself have all the other,
And the very points they blow;
All the quarters that they know
T' th' shipman's card.

3. Breath; power or act of respiration.

If my wind were but long enough to say my prayers, I would repent.
His wind he never took whilst the cup was at his mouth, but justly observ'd the rule of drinking with one breath.
The perfume of the flowers, and their virtues to cure shortness of wind in purify old men, seems to agree most with the orange.

It stop'd at once the passage of his wind,
And the free soul to flitting air resign'd.

4. Air caused by any action.

On each side her
Stood pretty dimpled boys, like smiling Cupids
With divers colour'd fans, whose wind did seem
To glow the delicate cheeks which they did cool.
In an organ, from one blast of wind,
To many a row of pipes the found-board breathes.

5. Breath modulated by an instrument.

Where the air is pent, there breath or other blowing, which carries but a gentle percussion, suffices to create sound; as in pipes and wind instruments.
Their instruments were various in their kind,
Some for the bow, and some for breathing wind.

6. Air impregnated with scent.

A hare had long escap'd pursuing hounds,
By often shifting into distant grounds,
Till finding all his artifices vain,
To save his life, he leap'd into the main.
But there, alas! he could no safety find,
A pack of dog-fish had him in the wind.

7. Flatulence; windiness.

It turns
Wisdom to folly, as nourishment to wind.

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8. Any thing insignificant or light as wind.

Think not with wind of airy threats to awe.

9. Down the WIND. To decay.

A man that had a great veneration for an image in his house, found that the more he prayed to it to prosper him in the world, the more he went down the wind still.

10. To take or have the WIND. To gain or have the upper-hand.

Let a king in council beware how he opens his own inclinations too much, for else counsellors will but take the wind of him; instead of giving free counsel.

To WIND. *v. a.* [*pinban*, Sax. *winden*, Dutch. from the noun.]

1. To blow; to found by inflation.

The squire 'gan nigher to approach,
And wind his horn upon the castle wall,
That with the noise it shook as it would fall.

2. To turn round; to twist.

Nero could touch and time the harp well; but in government sometimes he used to wind the pins too high, and sometimes let them down too low.

3. To regulate in action.

He vaulted with such ease into his seat,
As if an angel dropt down from the clouds,
To turn and wind a piny pegasus,
And witch the world with noble horsemanship.

4. To nole; to follow by scent.

5. To turn by shifts or expedients.

Whence turning of religion's made
The means to turn and wind a trade.

6. To introduce by insinuation.

You have contriv'd to take
From Rome all feason'd offices, and to wind
Yourself into a power tyrannical.

7. To change.

Where our legislature vested in the prince, he might wind and turn our constitution at his pleasure, and shape our government to his fancy.

8. To entwine; to enclose; to encircle.

Sleep thou and I will wind thee in my arms.
You know me well, and herein spend but time
To wind about my love with circumstance.

9. To WIND out. To extricate.

When he found himself dangerously embarked he bethought himself of all possible ways to disentangle himself, and to wind himself out of the labyrinth he was in.

10. To WIND up. To bring to a small compass, as a bottom of thread.

Without solemnly winding up one argument, and intimating that he began another, he lets his thoughts, which were fully possessed of the matter, run in one continued strain.

11. To WIND up. [Used of a watch.] To convolve the spring; to put in order to a certain end.

I frown the while, and perchance wind up my watch, or play with some rich jewel.

12. To WIND up. To raise by degrees.

These he did so wind up to his purpose that they withdrew from the court.

13. To WIND up. To straiten a string by turning that on which it is rolled; to put in tune.

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Your lute may wind its strings but little higher
To tune their notes to that immortal quire.

15. To WIND up. To put in order for regular action: from a watch.

O you kind gods!
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Th' untun'd and jarring senses, O, wind up,
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Forc'd from *windguns*, lead itself can fly,
And wondrous flugs cut swiftly through the sky.

WINDINESS. *n. f.* [from *windy*.]

1. Fulness of wind; flatulence.

A *windiness* and puffing up of your stomach after dinner, and in the morning.

2. Tendency to generate wind.

Sena loseth somewhat of its *windiness*, by decocting; and, generally, subtle or windy spirits are taken off by incension or evaporation.

3. Tumour; puffiness.

From this his modest and humble charity, virtues which rarely cohabit with the swelling *windiness* of much knowledge, issued this.

WINDING. *n. f.* [from *wind*.] Flexure; meander.

It was the pleasantest voyage in the world to follow the *windings* of this river Inn, through such a variety of pleasing scenes as the course of it naturally led us.

The ways of heav'n are dark and intricate;
Our understanding traces them in vain,
Nor sees with how much art the *windings* run,
Nor where the regular confusion ends.

WINDINGSHEET. *n. f.* [*wind* and *sheet*.] A sheet in which the dead are enwrapped.

These arms of mine shall be thy *windingsheet*;
My heart, sweet boy, shall be thy sepulchre;
For from my heart thine image ne'er shall go.

The great *windingsheets*, that bury all things in oblivion, are deluges and earthquakes.

The chaste Penelope, having, as she thought, lost Ulysses at sea, employed her time in preparing a *windingsheet* for Laertes, the father of her husband.

WINDLASS. *n. f.* [*wind* and *lass*.]

1. A handle by which a rope or lace is wrapped together round a cylinder.

2. A handle by which any thing is turned.

Thus do we of wisdom and of reach,
With *windlasses*, and with affairs of byas,
By indirections find directions out.

WINDLE. *n. f.* [from *To wind*.] A spindle.

WINDMILL. *n. f.* [*wind* and *mill*.] A mill turned by the wind.

We like Don Quixote do advance
Against a *windmill* our vain lance.

Such a failing chariot might be more conveniently framed with moveable sails, whose force may be impelled from their motion, equivalent to those in a *windmill*.

Windmills grind twice the quantity in an hour that water-mills do.

His fancy has made a giant of a *windmill*, and he's now engaging it.

WINDOW. *n. f.* [*windue*, Danish. *Skinner* thinks it originally *wind-door*.]

1. An aperture in a building by which air and light are introduced.

Being one day at my *window* all alone,
Many strange things happened me to see.

A fair view her *window* yields,
The town, the river, and the fields.

He through a little *window* cast his sight,
Though thick of bars that gave a scanty light;
But ev'n that glimmering serv'd him to delivery
Th' inevitable charms of Emily.

2. The frame of glass or any other materials that covers the aperture.

To thee I do commend my watchful soul,
Ere I let fall the *window* of mine eyes:
Sleeping or waking, oh defend me still!

In the sun's light, let into my darkened chamber through a small round hole in my *window*-shutter, at about ten or twelve feet from the *window*, I placed a lens.

3. Lines crossing each other.

The fav'rite, that just begins to prattle,
Is very humorfome, and makes great clutter,
'Till he has *windrows* on his bread and butter.

4. An aperture resembling a window.

To WINDOW. *v. a.* [from the noun.]

1. To furnish with windows.

Between these half columns above, the whole room was *windowed* round.

With pert flat eyes she *window'd* well its head,
A brain of feathers, and a heart of lead.

2. To place at a window.

Wouldst thou be *window'd* in great Rome, and see
Thy master thus with placid arms, bending down
His corrigible neck, his face subdu'd
To penetrative shame?

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